Centennial Anniversary

of the Birth of

Abraham Lincoln

Assembly Chamber
Albany, N. Y.
February 12, 1909

City of Albany,
Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

To the Citizens of Albany:

On Friday, February 12th, 1909, will occur the one hundreth anniversary of the birth of one of the greatest of American statesmen.

Abraham Lincoln lived and died that the nation might be greater, grander and better for his life and works.

It is meet and proper that the people of the city of Albany observe the day in an appropriate manner and I, therefore, recommend that they display the American flag and pictures and lithographs of the martyred Lincoln.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Common Council on January 4th, public exercises in observance of Lincoln Day will be held in the Assembly Chamber at 8:15 P. M. under the joint auspices of the G. A. R. Posts, the Albany Institute and Historical and Art Society and the city authorities. A program of rare excellence has been arranged and I recommend that the people of Albany attend the exercises.

It is hereby ordered and directed that the American flag be displayed upon all municipal buildings on that day.

Done at the City Hall in the City of Albany this eighth day
(Seal) of February in the year nineteen hundred and nine.

HENRY F. SNYDER.

Attest:

WALTER L. HUTCHINS,
Secretary to the Mayor.

Abraham Lincoln

Lawyer, Politician, Statesman, President, Martyr

Born February 12th, 1809.

— Member Illinois Legislature, 1835-42.

Member Congress, 1847-9.

Received 110 votes for Vice-Presidential candidate, National Republican Convention, 1856.

Memorable debate with Stephen A. Douglass, 1858.

Cooper Institute speech, New York, February 27, 1860.

Elected President, 1860.

Issued Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, September 22, 1862.

Final Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863.

Re-elected President, 1864.

Assassinated, April 14, 1865.

"Your Mission"

"If you cannot on the ocean
Sail among the swiftest fleet,
Rocking on the highest billow,
Laughing at the storms you meet,
You can stand among the sailors,
Anchored yet within the bay,
You can lend a hand to help them,
As they launch their boats away.

"If you are too weak to journey
Up the mountain steep and high,
You can stand within the valley,
Where the multitudes go by.
You can chant in happy measure,
As they slowly pass along;
Though they may forget the singer,
They will not forget the song.

"If you cannot, in the harvest,
Gather up the richest sheaves,
Many a grain both ripe and golden,
Oft the careless reaper leaves—
Go and glean among the briars
Growing rank against the wall,
For it may be that their shadow
Hides the heaviest wheat of all.

"If you have not gold and silver
Ever ready to command;
If you cannot toward the needy
Reach an ever open hand;
You can visit the afflicted,
O'er the erring you can weep,
With the Saviour's true disciples,
You a patient watch may keep.

"If you cannot in the conflict
Prove yourself a soldier true,
If, where fire and smoke are thickest,
There's no work for you to do,
When the battlefield is silent,
You can go with careful tread,
You can bear away the wounded,
You can cover up the dead.

"Do not then, stand idly waiting
For some greater work to do;
Fortune is a lazy goddess,
She will never come to you.
Go and toil in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do or dare,
If you want a field of labor,
You can find it anywhere."

Programme

INVOCATION—The Rev. Edgar H. Brown, D.D.

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS—Mayor Henry F. Snyder.

"YOUR MISSION" - Words by *Mrs. Ellen Huntington Gates*

Sung by Mr. Louis Stremple.

This hymn came into notice through the admiration felt for it by Abraham Lincoln.

See opposite page for words

RECITATION—"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address"

Prof. C. M. Van Buren.

"WE ARE COMING, FATHER ABRAHAM"

Words by *Wm. Cullen Bryant.* Music by *L. O. Emerson.*

Sung by Mr. Louis Stremple.

ADDRESS—General George B. Loud.

DUET—"It is of the Lord's Great Mercies"

From Molique's Oratorio "Abraham"

Sung by Mr. Louis Stremple and Mr. Ben Franklin.

SINGING—"America"

Led by Mr. Louis Stremple.

The audience is invited to join in the singing.

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BENEDICTION—

Monsignor Francis J. Maguire, DD., LL.D.

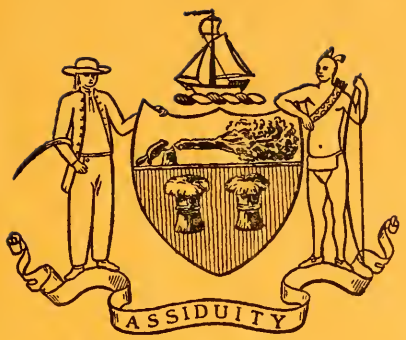
Accompanist, Mr. Nathaniel Irving Hyatt.

"America."

My country! 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
    Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the pilgrims' pride!
From ev'ry mountain side
    Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble, free,
    Thy name I love:
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills:
My heart with rapture thrills
    Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
    Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
    The sound prolong.



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